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20 August 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Weekly Activities Report - Language School

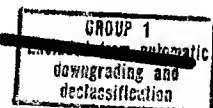
1. This week two TSD technicians installed concealed microphones in the oral testing room at the Language School. Other than the remote control switch which is operated by the examiners, there is no physical evidence in the testing room that the tests are being recorded. The tape recorder itself is located in the main office. All examinees, however, are briefed in advance that the oral test is being recorded. The hidden mikes should help reduce some of the examinee tension often associated with our proficiency tests.

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2. [] went to TSD to administer the Modern Language Aptitude Test to a group of candidates for the two special BAHLT classes which will be taught by TSD employees on their premises. TSD is very enthusiastic about the instruction and is doing everything possible to help insure its success. Nineteen of the 25 employees who had been scheduled appeared for the test.

3. The Language School is in the process of overhauling its reading tests, starting with consideration by the Linguistic Steering Committee of the nature of reading and the various possible ways of testing reading proficiency. As an interim step, the Chinese reading test has been replaced by a graded series of passages which the candidate translates orally, after looking them over for any reasonable time he may require. His translation is taped for future

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reference. Although this procedure may not be the ultimate answer to improved reading tests, our Chinese reading test is so much in need of revision that it cannot help but improve our testing in that language.

25X1A 4. Early this week I asked [] 25X1A
for an opportunity to discuss short and long-range Chinese
language training requirements. Mr. [] seemed interested 25X1A
and suggested that we get together in about a week (when I
return from vacation) with his deputy, Mr. [] and 25X1A
[] This meeting should clarify to some extent what
seems like a decrease in Chinese requirements and should
make it possible for us to make whatever adjustments are
required in the size of our Chinese faculty.

25X1A 5. On Monday morning I discussed the matter of Chinese
language tapes at [] 25X1A
[] had indicated that he could not find
tapes of interest to him in the [] laboratory when
he wanted to prepare himself for a proficiency test for 25X1A
which he was scheduled. Since he has studied Chinese
intensively and spent six years on [] he probably 25X1A
speaks the language at about the 4 level. Because we do
not teach Chinese at such a high level, we do not have
appropriate tapes either at Headquarters or at [] 25X1A
We do have some VOA materials, but have not had any need
to stock them in large quantities.

25X1A 6. Security clearances have been received for our
two prospective Lao instructors, Mr. [] 25X1A
[] They will be polygraphed during
the first week of September and will be on board shortly
thereafter. In the interim period they have been recording
the new Lao course at DLI. This is the course which DLI
gave us; we in turn will give them copies of our master
tapes for their use. We also received word from OS this
week that [] who has been in processing for
almost a full year, has been cleared. She will probably
begin work as the Language Assistant in the Slavic and
Germanic Departments in September.

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Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
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7. Language School Statistics:

Students and Classes as of the week of 9-13 Aug 1971:

Students

Full-time - 36
Part-time - 72 (32 Hqs.)

TOTAL.....108

Classes

Full-time - 19
Part-time - 31 (6 Hqs.)

TOTAL.....50

Laboratory hours for the week of 9-13 Aug 1971:

Language School - 31

There were 28 proficiency tests given during the week of 9-13 August 1971.



Chief, Language School

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